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Hamilton et al  
Serial No. 09/532,576  
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For: HIGH BOND STRENGTH, REPOSITIONABLE ADHERENT SHEET

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DECISION ON  
PETITION

This is a response to the PETITION TO WITHDRAW THE EXAMINER'S HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT, filed September 6, 2002 and having a certificate of mailing dated August 26, 2002. The petition requests that the abandonment for failure to respond to the Office Action mailed January 29, 2002 be withdrawn. The requester asserts that a timely response to the Office Action was filed on February 19, 2002.

#### DECISION

The instant request is accepted as a timely petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.181 (no fee). A review of petitioner's evidence provided with the instant petition indicates the request has merit; the evidence presented is sufficient to establish that applicants did indeed file a response in a timely manner. The submitted evidence includes a copy of the response sent via facsimile on February 19, 2002 and a copy of the Auto-Reply Facsimile Transmission from the USPTO indicating the fax was received.

Therefore, the Notice of Abandonment mailed August 12, 2002 is hereby withdrawn, and the application returned to pending status. The application shall be forwarded to the Technical Support Staff for entry of the response and consideration by the examiner.

The Petition is GRANTED.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Richard V. Fisher", is written over a horizontal line.

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